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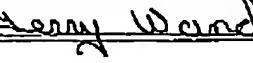
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In response to the Office Action mailed April 29, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits this paper comprising the following parts:

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